(N) For loss of substantial portion of land @ Rs. 10,000 per hectare, (iii) For loss of agricultural/horticultural crops @ Rs.2,000 per hectare.

Pricing of Phosphoric Acid

3892. SHRI ABU ASIM .AZMI:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet started the process of negotiating the price of phosphoric acid which is crucial for the DAP supply;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore, and by when it is likely to be settled; and

(c) if not, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Fertilizer raw materials/intermediates including phosphoric acid is free to import in the country. The Phosphatic fertilizer manufacturers are procuring phosphoric acid either from their Joint Ventures abroad or from the international suppliers of phosphoric acid at the price and terms & conditions negotiated by them. The Phosphoric Acid Consumer Group (PACG) formed by the Phosphatic fertilizer manufacturers negotiates the quantity & price of phosphoric acid with the international suppliers on year-to-year basis. PACG has already started negotiations for procuring phosphoric acid during the year 2005-06.

Task Force on Drug Price Control

3893. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a separate task force to explore